

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 217.6, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 150, “Purchase of Service,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment:

- Implements a decrease in the reimbursement rate for supervised apartment living services provided from January 1, 2010, to June 30, 2010. During this period, the maximum reimbursement shall be the rates in effect on December 1, 2009, reduced by 5 percent. This reduction is necessary to achieve the savings required by Executive Order Number 19, which mandated a 10 percent across-the-board cut in expenditures.
- Clarifies that rates will not be adjusted if a provider adds a new service. The initial reimbursement rate for any new service shall be based upon actual and allowable costs.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations. Needed savings will not be realized if waivers are granted. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

This amendment was also Adopted and Filed Emergency and is published herein as **ARC 8447B**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before February 2, 2010. Comments should be directed to Mary Ellen Imlau, Bureau of Policy Analysis and Appeals, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by E-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6 and Executive Order Number 19.